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Re: Clarification and Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Activities,  
Ziegler Chemical and Mineral Corporation (Ziegler), Tom Taylor Mine, S/047/065, Uintah  
County, Utah

Dear Mr. Covington:

Thank you for the Small Mining Operations Notice of Intention for Ziegler's proposed Tom Taylor Mine located in Section 3, T10S, R24E, SLBM, Uintah County, Utah. The initial Notice form was received by the Division on March 3, 1997. In addition to the Notice form, the Division received a copy of your February 12, 1997, letter to Stan Perks of the BLM, and a copy of the Mining Plan, updated and revised May 15-20, 1997. After reviewing this information there are several clarifications which are required by the Division.

**Clarifications:**

The section of the notice describing the total project surface acreage to be disturbed listed this area as "none."

*Based on our telephone discussion of July 17, 1997, the proposed mine will be located in an area previously impacted by mining. This project will re-impact some areas previously disturbed by mining. Based on the "Detailed Location Map of the Surface Facilities" the actual amount of surface area re-impacted is less than one tenth of an acre. This one tenth of an acre area does not include roads which are identified on the map as existing. The only features currently existing at the proposed site are the access roads and the shaft collar. The other surface structures indicated on the map are new features to be placed on previously disturbed areas. All surface structures will be skid mounted, with the exception of head frame.*

**Small Mining Operations**

*This site is located more than two miles from other Ziegler mining operations which are permitted as part of the Large Mine Operation file M/047/013, therefore, this notice has been*

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*accepted as a separate small mine notice by the Division. The Division file number for the Tom Taylor Mine is S/047/065. Division rules do not require a reclamation surety for small mining operation; however, the Division is aware that the BLM regulations do require a surety or surety guarantee for this proposed operation.*

With these clarifications this notice now satisfies the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Title 40-8, et seq., Utah Code Annotated. With these clarifications, the Division considers the small mine notice for the Tom Taylor Mine as complete. Please be advised that you will also need approval or clearance from the BLM prior to beginning work on this mine project. Do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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Senior Reclamation Specialist

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